

## RADIUM VALUE TO BE SAVED TO U. S.

American Institute. Devoted to Science and Humanity. Will Cut High Cost.

To the medical profession the establishment of the American Radium Institute, which was announced last week, is one of the most important events of a decade. For no more keenly do the physicians and surgeons note the progress of the use of radium for the alleviation of cancer of human life.

So scarce is radium—yet we are told it is all around us in unavailability form—that it is called the rarest thing in the world. The high cost has made experiments difficult. Where gold is worth \$20 an ounce, the cost of one ounce of radium is \$250,000. But there is only about one ounce and a quarter of radium in all the world. Yet the world mined, roughly, 470,000,000 worth of gold last year, while the United States alone mined 500,000,000 tons of coal in 1910.

The largest amount of radium possessed by any individual in the United States is probably the two grains which Dr. Howard Kelly, of Baltimore, has. Dr. Kelly has been the president of the National Radium Institute.

The United States Bureau of Mines has to be content to do its wonderful experimental work with just one gram of radium. America is buying and shipping abroad these American ores and manufacturing the radium, keeping the bulk of it and selling small quantities back to Americans, to people or institutions that could put up \$50,000 for the same amount of radium, or \$10,000 for the same amount of anhydrous radium bromide.

This price is based on \$10 for one-tenth of a gram of radium metal. A recent newspaper statement said the price of radium is falling. That is an error. The price is not falling, but it is not rising. It is staying at the same level, and that is not affecting the price of radium.

But if the plans of the United States Bureau of Mines to produce radium in this country are successful, America will get a larger quantity of radium and at a more reasonable price. American miners have already benefited by an advance of about 25 per cent in the price of their ores.

Dr. Holmes and Dr. Parsons, heads of the bureau, arranged for the opening of a new laboratory at the University of Chicago, where Dr. Parsons, physical chemist, was put in charge, and to his assistance came K. W. Kithill and C. F. Whittemore.

**Ores Sold Low.** The first work was to survey the fields of supply and discover new processes of production. Careful investigation showed that three times as much radium was being made from the carnotite ores of Colorado and Utah as from all other sources of radium in the world, and that this ore was purchased by European manufacturers at prices incommensurate with its radium value, while much of the lower grade was being discarded and wasted.

Pitch blende, especially from the mines of Joachimsthal, Bohemia, has been the principal source of radium. The most important source of radium is found, outside of the United States, only in South Australia and Russian Turkestan. The Paradise Valley region of Colorado is the richest radium-bearing field in the world.

The bureau made a preliminary statement about the American opportunities and is about to issue a fuller statement. But there was another part of the vision, and here the Bureau of Mines grapples with humanity at large. The majority of us don't care about the extra dollars that the mine owners get. That, of course, is a vital part of the work of the bureau. But when Uncle Sam gives us more radium to experiment with, and makes it cheaper for the world at large, and especially lines up with the effort to conquer disease, then we are all interested.

Who had the vision of the radium institute? Not one of its directors, nor any of the Bureau of Mines force would lay claim to the original idea. But all together have made possible such an institute. Radium institutes had been established abroad. Why not in America, richest and greatest of all countries? It needed some one to take the initiative.

**Asserts Cancer Cases.** Among men who have been interested in the medical and surgical uses of radium are Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, and Dr. James Douglas of New York. Dr. Kelly is a noted gynecologist and philanthropist. He has a sanatorium in Baltimore, and has for some time been experimenting with radium and with remarkably satisfactory results. While he is cautious, recognizing that we are still in the experimental stage, he is greatly interested in the work already accomplished and in the possibilities of the co-operative work of the bureau and the institute.

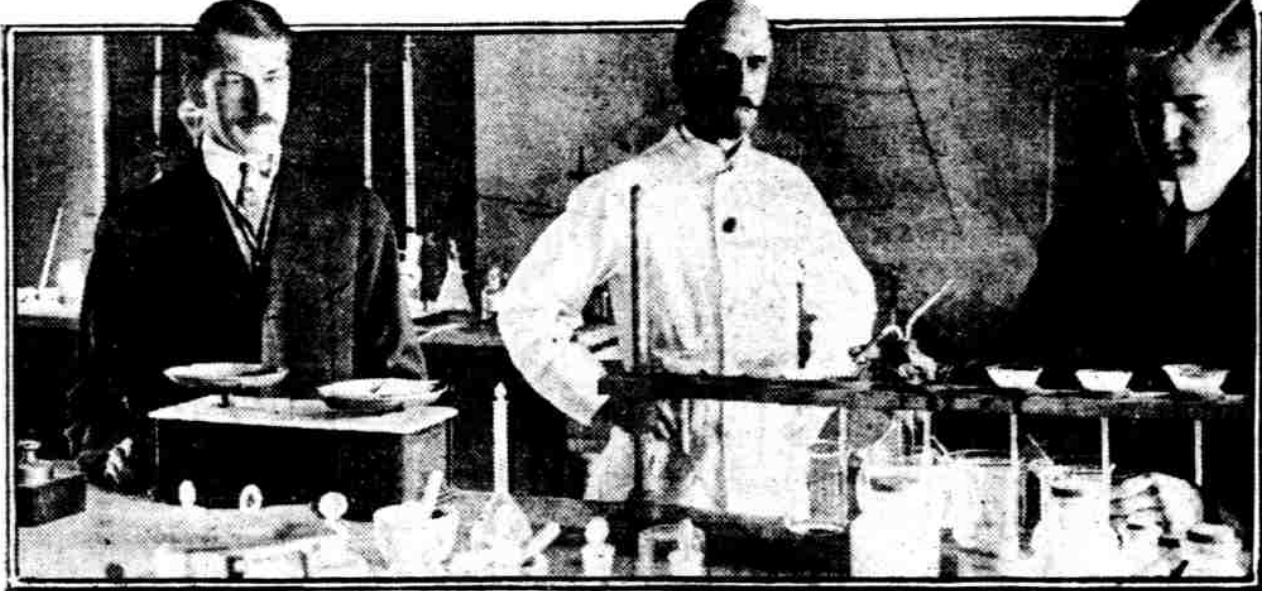
In a lecture he recently made the statement that he had succeeded in curing a number of patients afflicted with cancer, and that while, in some instances, his efforts were unsuccessful, radium never failed to furnish relief.

Dr. James Douglas, president of the institute, is one of the best-known mining men in America. But it is not as a miner that he is primarily interested in radium. Though himself a scientist of note, and formerly a university professor, it was his desire to see that made radium a matter of supreme interest to him. Some years ago Mr. Douglas lost a beloved daughter. In her memory he built a hospital in New York, and radium as a possible alleviation of some human woes has a supreme interest for him.

Associated with them are Dr. Curtis Burdum, of Baltimore, and Dr. E. J. Mahoney, of Wilmington, Del. With men like these at the head of and supporting by every means in their power the medical and surgical development of this wonderful yet still slightly known metal, and with the Bureau of Mines' corps of experts—pure scientists—working in the interests of the world's advancement of knowledge, and the benefit of this nation, co-operating, some positive advances in radium therapy, especially the curing of cancer, and in a broader knowledge of the physical and chemical effects of radium rays may be expected.

In making the announcement of the

## Government's Experts on Radium



Left To Right—R. L. KITHILL, RICHARD B. MOORE, C. F. WHITEMORE, Experts in the Radium Laboratory of the Bureau of Mines, at Denver, Col.

Incorporation in Delaware of the National Radium Institute, Dr. Parsons stated that the Government and the nation were indebted to several men who had guaranteed the money for conducting twenty-seven mining claims and working an experimental plant, to be erected in Colorado, using entirely new methods developed by the Bureau of Mines. A co-operative agreement has been formed between the bureau and the institute. It is understood that not 1 cent's worth of the radium extracted will be for sale, but that every milligram will be used in the cause of humanity and the advancement of science. The institute has been formed to utilize American ores here and to place the United States in the van of radium research as a curative agent. One very important step taken by the bureau is to have a radium standard.

PAUL MOORE.

## Army and Navy

**ARMY.** Major DAVID BAKER, Medical Corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Meade, Md., to take effect upon the arrival of Major THOMAS S. BLATT, Medical Corps, and will proceed to Fort Sill, Okla.

Leave of absence for two months is granted Second Lieut. VERNON G. OLMSBETH, Eighth Infantry, transferred to the Twenty-third Infantry, effective November 1, 1913.

**NAVY.** Comdr. A. G. KAVANAGH, commissioned from June 1, 1913.

Comdr. RIDLEY McLEAN, to Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Comdr. R. D. HARBROUCK, to Florida as executive officer.

Lieut. G. E. LAKE, commissioned, from Norfolk, Va., to Annapolis.

Lieut. JOHN ROGERS, detached Nebraska to Paducah.

Lieut. (junior grade) H. B. MECLARY, commissioned from June 1, 1913.

Lieut. (junior grade) R. W. CLARK, commissioned, from June 1, 1913.

Lieut. (junior grade) R. F. EMERICH, to Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

Ensign FRANK HINDRELET, Ensign RALPH MARTIN, Ensign AUGUST SCHULZE, and Ensign F. G. KUTZ, commissioned from July 30, 1913.

Ensign W. H. OSGOOD, to temporary duty Constellation.

Ensign A. B. SANBORN, to temporary duty Constellation.

Ensign F. K. ELDER, to temporary duty Constellation.

Ensign H. A. WARD, to temporary duty Constellation.

Ensign A. E. MONTGOMERY, to temporary duty Constellation.

Ensign W. H. O'BRIEN and Ensign C. S. GILLETTE, to Stewart.

**MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.**

Arrived—Birmingham, at Cristobal, Tinian and Thornton, at Georgetown.

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At Norfolk yard: Dolphin, at Hampton Roads; Dolphin, at Washington.

At Philadelphia: Yorktown, at Marston Island; Yorktown, at New York.

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## REFORM LEAGUERS

## SCORE DEMOCRATS

President Still Has Power to Neutralize Wrongs to Civil Service System.

Declaring that Congress has shown its intention to get some places from the classified civil service and has given its answer to the President's early determination that there shall be no backward step in rider legislation to force it from him, the National Civil Service Reform League urges that the way is still open for the President to obviate the evil results of the proviso in the urgent deficiency bill taking subordinates of internal revenue collectors from the civil service. The league in a statement made public today declares:

"It is cause for real regret to the friends of civil service reform that the President did not veto the bill. The deficiency appropriation bill because of the vicious rider affecting the status of subordinates of collectors of internal revenue and United States marshals. Congress has shown its intention to get some places from the classified service, and its answer to the President's early determination that there shall be no backward step in rider legislation to force it from him. Condemnation of this cowardly method of breaking down the bars to the classified service is universal and was strong in the House itself, where fifty-six Democrats voted against this proposal. A veto of the bill would have had the support of these members of the President's party in Congress and would have gone a long way toward stopping this practice of practically repealing the civil service law little by little through riders on appropriation and revenue bills.

"The President's renewed declaration of his own warm advocacy and support of the principle and of the bona fide practice of civil service reform, in his memorandum with which he accompanied his signature to the bill, may have some wholesome effect on the spoils members of his party. It is vigorously expressed and it is known that he is convinced after careful examination of the facts, that the offices of deputy collector and deputy marshal were intended to be included under the ordinary provisions of the civil service law, is unfortunate. On this point the league takes issue squarely with the President.

"In spite of the President's approval of the bill, the way is still open to avoid the evil results that will follow if the proviso is adhered to. As the President states, the control of the whole matter is in the hands of the President. The spirit of the Administration of the proviso in this bill is no less entirely in his hands than it was before the bill became a law. There is no doubt, in fact, but that the President might now issue an Executive order requiring collectors and United States marshals to continue to appoint their subordinates from the civil service registers. The language of the proviso, as this league has repeatedly pointed out, affects not only the deputies, but also all subordinates of collectors and marshals, shall be appointed only from eligible lists secured through competitive examinations.

**Janitor Is Held For Thefts At New Varnum**

Joseph W. Wheeler, colored, janitor at the Goodwin apartment house, 117 1/2 Street, New York, is being held by police of the fifth precinct, pending an investigation of the theft of a quantity of whisky from the New Varnum Hotel, and several other robberies, in

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## EFFICIENT SERVICE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This Will Be Slogan at Convention of District Association, to Start Tonight.

When the twentieth annual convention of the District Sunday School Association, opened at Calvary Baptist Church tonight there will be sounded the new slogan of "Efficient Service," and the dominant theme of the three days' gathering will be a more effective and compact organization of the part of the Sunday school of the District than has ever before existed.

To this end the program contains the names of more local workers and fewer outside celebrities than in past years, and it is the belief of the program committee that this will insure a greater interest in the convention on the part of the Sunday school of the District, and will at the same time give the various executives a better chance for co-operation.

Among the Washingtonians of prominence who will appear before the convention are William E. Andrews, auditor of the Treasury Department, who will make the opening address tonight; Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts, who is a delegate to the world's Sunday school convention at Zurich; Mrs. Washington Toppan, president of the Elementary Teachers' Union; Mrs. Emily L. Newton, president of the Home Department; and the pastors of all the larger Baptist churches in the city.

"We want to instill the idea of 'efficiency' into the Sunday schools, just as has been done in the industrial world," said W. E. Millard, president of the District Sunday School Association and chairman of the program committee. "An efficiency in the industrial world means conservation of effort, a better product, and a minimum waste of labor and material, so in the Sunday school we take it to mean better teaching, more compact organization, a higher average attendance, and a larger enrollment. The greater influence in the home, and more Sunday school scholars united with the church."

"Our text this year is, 'Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God,' a Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed." And though we have no cause to be ashamed of our past record, we want to make a new record for the year which is just before us."

Reports which will be made at the coming convention will show that there are now 52,000 pupils enrolled in the District Sunday schools, which is as large a percentage of the total population as is the Sunday school books in any city in the country. The average attendance is 25,000, which is also reasonably high, and it is hoped to increase these figures next year.

There will be 125 Sunday schools represented at the convention. The opening tonight will be largely devotional, but there will be morning, afternoon, and evening sessions held tomorrow and Wednesday. An exhibit of Sunday school appliances and equipment will be on display in the house where one of the attractive features of the convention.

**WIRELESS BLOWS UP DISTANT SHIP**

British Navy Experiments With Mysterious Power on Old Cruiser.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—A warship has been blown up by wireless. Portsmouth during an experiment with a mysterious invention, which the admiralty has been testing. The ship on which the experiment was made was the second class cruiser Terpsichore, a vessel of 3,000 tons, which cost £200,000. She now lies in dock with her bottom blown to pieces.

The details of the invention are being jealously guarded, but it is known that the vessel was in the hands of dockyard workers and a mysterious metal box was fixed to the bottom of the ship. On Wednesday morning last Terpsichore was blown up and the metal box was exploded by a wireless ray or spark.

There was a vast upheaval of water and the cruiser was afterward seen to have a heavy list to port. Five dockyard yards waiting in the distance closed in on the cruiser and by means of powerful pumps kept her afloat until she was safe within the dockyards. It is not thought the invention has anything to do with the discovery of the apparently similar to Uzi's discovery.

**Suspect Smuggling Plot.**

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 27.—Customs agents are awaiting the arrival of Emma Angell, a French schooner, which is believed to have \$100,000 worth of Paris goods aboard, to be smuggled into the country.

**Prevent Diphtheria.**

A sore throat is a good breeding place for diphtheria germs. Protect your children by never neglecting a Sore Throat. You can wisely depend upon the first appearance of Sore Throat—don't give Diphtheria a chance in that throat in its weakened condition. When TONSILINE is swallowed it comes directly in contact with the diseased surface and induces a healthy condition of the membrane. The system can better defend the throat if attacked by Diphtheria germs. Keep T